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ROLL CALL

Present: Alpena County: Adrian, Fournier
 Cheboygan County: Newman
 Montmorency County : LaFleche
 Presque Isle County: Altman, Gapczynski

Absent: Sangster

Excused:

Staff Present: Denise Bryan, Dr. Joshua Meyerson,
 Judy Greer, Jennifer Curl, Devin Spivey, Kevin
 Prevost, and Kendra Bartz

Others Present: Crystal Nelson– The Alpena News

AGENDA CHANGES: Motion to adjust the agenda to allow for some to leave meeting early by addressing any item needing a vote to be addressed first.

Motion by Altman with support from LaFleche to approve the change to the agenda. Ayes all, motion carried.

MINUTES

November 17, 2020 Health Board Minutes: Motion by Altman with support from LaFleche to approve the November 17, 2020 Health Board Minutes as is. Ayes all, motion carried.

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Mask up Alpena video done jointly with area leaders, including Alpena Community College, MidMichigan, and businesses.

COVID Statistics: Devin Spivey, Epidemiologist, prepared the statistics for the Board packet. Bryan reviewed the county statistics and copies were passed out.

Cases surge. From November 16th to December 14th DHD4 seen a 60% increase in confirmed cases. Probable cases also increased by 58% household members. This means, 66% of all confirmed cases and 62% of all probable cases, to date, have occurred in the past month. Several outbreaks were discussed.

Vaccine progress updates. Frontline healthcare will be first recipients. Planning for receiving, storing, and administering vaccine is underway.

December 16th is the next COVID testing event in Rogers City with a new partner, HONU.

Strategic Plan: Will work with leadership team to review the current plan and make recommended updates. A three (3) year plan will be presented at the next board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Contracted Contact Tracer Positions: A motion was made to extend the temporary, part-time contractual communicable disease investigators & contact tracers to assist with the COVIS-19 case coverage as well as with mass vaccination efforts through March 31, 2021. Positions originally set to expire December 30, 2020. Discussion on financial implications, use of COVID grant money. Commissioner Altman admonished that EPI investigations seems ludicrous at this point.

Motion by LaFleche with support from Gapczynski to approve the Extension of the Contracted Contact Tracer Positions through March 31, 2021. Roll call vote. Ayes- Adrian, Newman, LaFleche, Gapczynski. Nays- Altman. Motion carried.

Policy 5.01.021: A Health and Safety Policy and Procedure for the towing of trailers for public health work for all staff was presented.

Motion by Altman with support from Gapczynski to approve Policy 5.01.021. Roll call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.

Travel Reimbursement for Towing Department Trailer: A proposal to adjust the mileage reimbursement for the staff towing the trailer to events from the current rate to \$.75 per mile.

Motion by Altman with support by LaFleche to increase the milage reimbursement to \$.75 for staff towing the trailer. Roll Call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.

Body Art Inspection Fee Increase: New fees for Body Art facilities inspection proposed. Discussion on history and consistency of fees charged by other Health Departments.

Motion by Altman with support from Newman to approve the fees for Body Art Inspections. Roll call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.

Billboard/Bulletins- Flu: A proposal for billboards/bulletin board messaging during the pandemic with public health message discussed.

Motion by LaFleche with support from Newman to approve the billboard/bulletins. Roll call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Newman noted that he has received positive feedback from a senior nurse regarding the improvement of workplace culture and the excellent working environment with the newly hired staff.

Board Member Resignation: Bert LaFleche announced that this was his last meeting. The Board thanked him for his many years of service to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by LaFleche with support from Altman to adjourn. Ayes all, motion carried.

Adjournment: 11:30 am

Bob Adrian, Chairman

Mike Newman, Secretary/Treasurer

Kendra Bartz, Recording Secretary

Next meeting January 19, 2021